

REMARKS**Restriction Requirement**

Applicants affirm the selection of a composition comprising a combination of 5-ASA and APAZA in response to the imposed restriction requirement issued on November 30, 2009.

Rejection of Claims and Traversal Thereof

In the February 17, 2010 Office Action,

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph;

Claims 1-9, 15 and 30 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,425,578;

Claims 1, 8, 9, 15 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ekwuribe, et al. US Patent No. 7,425, 578; and

Claims 1-9, 15 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ekwuribe, et al. US Patent No. 7,425, 578.

Applicants traverse these rejections and insist that the cited reference does not defeat the patentability of the presently claimed invention.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

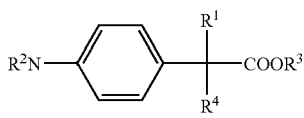
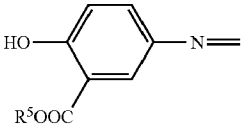
Applicants have amended claim 30 thereby obviating this rejection. Applicants request the withdrawal of this rejection.

Obvious-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-9, 15 and 30 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,425,578. Applicants have included herewith a terminal disclaimer thereby obviating this rejection.

Lack of Novelty and Inventive Step Rejections

According to the Office U.S. Patent No. 7,425,578 defeats the novelty and renders obvious the presently claimed invention. Notably, U.S. Patent No. 7,425,578 claim priority back to US Patent No. 6,583,128 with a filing date of August 29, 2001, as shown below:

(12) United States Patent Ekwuribe et al.	(10) Patent No.: US 7,425,578 B2 (45) Date of Patent: *Sep. 16, 2008
(54) IMMUNOREGULATORY COMPOUNDS AND DERIVATIVES AND METHODS OF TREATING DISEASES THEREWITH	<i>Primary Examiner</i> —Kamal A. Saeed <i>Assistant Examiner</i> —Janet L. Coppins (74) <i>Attorney, Agent, or Firm</i> —Marianne Fuierer; Moore & Van Allen PLLC
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(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 24 days. This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer.	Compounds are disclosed having the structure of Formula I: (I) 
(21) Appl. No.: 11/470,655	
(22) Filed: Sep. 7, 2006	
(65) Prior Publication Data US 2007/0004800 A1 Jan. 4, 2007	where R¹, R³, and R⁴ are independently hydrogen or C₁ to C₄ alkyl, and R² is:
Related U.S. Application Data	
(60) Continuation of application No. 10/967,736, filed on Oct. 18, 2004, now Pat. No. 7,151,095, which is a continuation of application No. 10/444,668, filed on May 23, 2003, now Pat. No. 6,903,082, which is a division of application No. 09/942,464, filed on Aug. 29, 2001, now Pat. No. 6,583,128.	
(60) Provisional application No. 60/228,683, filed on Aug. 29, 2000.	where R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁ to C₄ alkyl, or

The presently claimed invention also claims priority back to US Patent No. 6,583,128 as shown below in the Filing Receipt issued for the present application.

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING or 371(c) DATE	GRP PART UNIT	FIL FEE RECD	ATTY DOCKET NO	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
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CONFIRMATION NO. 8968
CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/US05/09325 03/22/2005
which claims benefit of 60/555,551 03/23/2004

This application 10/594,046
is a CIP of 11/144,093 06/03/2005 PAT 7,119,119
which is a CON of 10/444,668 05/23/2003 PAT 6,903,082
which is a DIV of 09/942,464 08/29/2001 PAT 6,583,128

Thus, the present invention and the US Patent No. 7,425,578 have the same effective filing date of August 29, 2001, and as such, the rejections under novelty and obviousness should be withdrawn. It should be recognized that applicants have already filed terminal disclaimers for US Patent Nos. 7,119,119, 6,903,082 and 6,583,128 because of previously imposed obvious-type double patenting, novelty and obviousness rejections.

In conclusion, applicants and the Office have been prosecuting this application for about four year with a multiplicity of rejections and successful overcoming of such rejections. Thus, applicants believe that this application is in conditions for allowance and that all prior art has been exhausted.

Rejoining of all species claims

When the Office finds the present claims patentable, applicants request that all species claims be examined and found allowable.

Petition for Extension of Time/Fees Payable

The applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time, extending the deadline for responding to the February 17, 2010 Office Action from May 17, 2010 to August 17, 2010. Further, applicants have included a terminal disclaimer with a fee due of \$130.00. All fees are being paid herewith by electronic transfer. In the event an additional fee is found due, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount necessary to the entry of this amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4365 of Moore & Van Allen PLLC.

Conclusion

Applicants have satisfied the requirements for patentability. All pending claims are free of the art and fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. It therefore is requested that Examiner Spivack reconsider the patentability of pending claims in light of the distinguishing remarks herein and withdraw all rejections, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Notice of the same is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain, Examiner Spivack is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8089 to resolve same.

Respectfully submitted,

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